

Permitting and Assistance Branch Staff Report
Minor Waste Tire Facility Permit Renewal for
Pete's Road Service, Inc.
TPID No. 1296164
December 9, 2013

Background Information, Analysis, and Findings:

This report was developed in response to a Minor Waste Tire Facility Permit (WTFP) renewal application received from the operator of Pete's Road Service, Inc., located at 866 El Camino Avenue, in the City of Corona (County of Riverside). The property site is 6.5 acres, and located within a General Industrial (M2) zone.

WTFPs expire every five years after the date of issuance unless the permit is renewed prior to the expiration date. Pete's Road Service, Inc. has been permitted as a minor waste tire facility since 2003. The operator is permitted to store up to 4,999 whole waste tires and/or waste tire equivalents on-site. The operator proposes no changes to the current site design.

An application for a Minor WTFP renewal was received by Permitting and Assistance Branch staff on June 18, 2013, which was accepted as complete on July 2, 2013. Pursuant to Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 18425, CalRecycle has 180 calendar days from the date the application is accepted as complete to either issue or deny the issuance of a minor WTFP. CalRecycle is required to act by December 29, 2013.

Findings:

Staff recommends approval of the issuance of the proposed Minor WTFP. All of the required submittals and findings required by 14 CCR Section 18431 have been met to support concurrence. The findings that are required to be made by CalRecycle when reaching a determination are summarized in the table below. The documents on which staff's findings are based are permanently maintained by the Waste Permitting, Compliance, and Mitigation Division.

The following table summarizes staff's findings relative to the permit application:

	Findings	
Compliance with Tire Storage Standards, 14 CCR, Sections 17350-17356	Staff of the Waste Evaluation and Enforcement Branch (WEEB) conducted an inspection of the facility on November 13, 2013, and no violations were cited. See Compliance History below for details.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Application Forms (500-504) - 14 CCR, Sections 18431(a), (b), (c), and (d)	All application forms were accepted by Permitting and Assistance Branch staff as complete on July 2, 2013.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Local Requirements 14 CCR, Section 18431(h)	<i>Local Vector Control:</i> The operator obtained vector control authority approval from Nikia Smith of the Northwest Mosquito & Vector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable

	Control District on April 15, 2013. <i>Local Fire Authority:</i> The City of Corona Fire Department staff (Xente Baker) approved the fire prevention measure for outdoor waste tire storage on April 9, 2013.	
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	Staff of the Permitting and Assistance Branch found that the issuance of the Minor WTFP is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA. See additional CEQA information below in the Environmental Analysis section.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
Reviewed by: CalRecycle Legal Office	December 9, 2013	
Waste Evaluation and Enforcement Branch	August 16, 2013	

Compliance History:

Staff of the WEEB conducted an inspection on November 13, 2013, and found the facility to be in compliance with the applicable Waste Tire Storage Standards.

Environmental Analysis:

Under CEQA, CalRecycle must consider, and avoid or substantially lessen where possible, any potentially significant environmental impacts of the proposed Minor WTFP before CalRecycle issues that permit. In this case, CalRecycle is a lead agency under CEQA and must make a determination as to whether this proposed permit is categorically or statutorily exempt or additional CEQA analysis is necessary in the form of a Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report.

The proposed WTFP renewal is considered to be a project under CEQA [CEQA Guidelines 15378(a)(3)] and the facility is required to obtain a WTFP pursuant to 14 CCR Section 18420, for the storage of up to 4,999 waste tires. Pete's Road Service, Inc. has been permitted as a minor waste tire facility permitted to store up to 4,999 waste tires since 2003, within a General Industrial (M2) zone. The operator proposes no changes to the current site design.

CalRecycle staff prepared a Preliminary Review to determine whether a Categorical or Statutory Exemption is adequate for CalRecycle's approval of this Minor WTFP. The Preliminary Review indicates that the proposed project:

- Involves the continued operation of an existing facility within the permitted land use;
- Involves no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of permit issuance;
- Does not allow relaxation of standards leading to environmental degradation;
- Would have no significant environmental impacts; and
- There are no additional cumulative environmental impacts.

CalRecycle staff made the finding/determination that the Categorical Exemption, 14 CCR Section 15301 – Existing Facilities, is appropriate for CalRecycle's issuance of this proposed

Minor WTFP in that it involves negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing. Staff recommends that CalRecycle, acting as a lead agency under CEQA, prepare a Notice of Exemption, based on the Categorical Exemption, to be filed with the State Clearinghouse after CalRecycle's issuance of the Minor WTFP. Further, there are no grounds under CEQA for CalRecycle to prepare any additional environmental documents.

Staff further recommends the Categorical Exemption is adequate for the Branch Chief's environmental evaluation of the proposed project for those project activities which are within CalRecycle's expertise and authority, or which are required to be carried out or approved by CalRecycle.

The administrative record for the decision to be made by CalRecycle includes the proposed Minor WTFP and all of its components and supporting documentation, this staff report, the Notice of Exemption and other documents and material utilized by CalRecycle in reaching its decision on issuing this permit. The custodian of CalRecycle's administrative record is Dona Sturgess, Legal Office, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, P.O. Box 4025, Sacramento, CA 95812-4025.

Public Comment:

Department staff provided an opportunity for public comment during CalRecycle's Monthly Public Meetings on July 16, 2013, August 20, 2013, September 17, 2013, October 15, 2013 and November 19, 2013. No public comments have been received by CalRecycle staff.

Attachment: Minor WTFP